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REMARKS


In sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Office Action a number of claims were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form due to multiple dependency. As a result, claims 9-11, 17-19, 26 and 27 were not treated on the merits.

The undersigned attorney telephoned the Examiner to inform him that a Preliminary Amendment was filed with the application to remove all multiple dependent claims. In a voice mail left today the Examiner acknowledged that the Preliminary Amendment had been filed, and was located in the file jacket. The Examiner stated that he would issue a new office action.

In that the office action mailed on 06/26/2007 was incomplete, the filing of this paper is thus herewith considered a full and complete response to the office action mailed on 06/26/2007, and is also being filed within the shortened statutory period set for response.

The Applicants look forward to receiving a second, non-final and complete office action on the merits for this patent application.

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